

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SINGLE AVAILABLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

CONTRACTOR: North Spring Behavioral Healthcare  
CONTRACT No.: DCRL-2018-R-0005  
CAPTION: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services

FINDINGS

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR §1304, 1700 and 1701

2. **MINIMUM NEED:**

The Child and Family Services Agency has need of a contractor to provide Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week to emotionally disturbed wards of Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA).

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

\$623,280.00

4. **FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

- (1) The Child and Family Services Agency, as part of the ongoing LaShawn A v. Bowser federal litigation, is required to provide services that will enable CFSA to promote permanency and provide specialized care for developmentally disabled youth presenting issues that cannot be served by traditional foster homes, group home or independent living programs. CFSA is highly structured, age appropriate; gender specific and therapeutic environments in the District of Columbia that ensures that the daily need of developmentally disabled youth are met. Also, services for developmentally disabled parenting teens must ensure the well-being of the children in their care. Some youth may have multiple disabilities and will require the coordination of services with multiple service organization in addition to CFSA.
- (2) CFSA is tasked with protecting the Children and Families of the district of Columbia, and as such seeks a Contractor that shall provide psychiatric residential treatment services and intensive residential treatment services to children and youth, that have a DSM-IV diagnosis as specified in an appropriate psychiatric evaluation-recommending placement in a residential dtreatment facility. Some of the children and youth may also be medically fragile with developmental

disabilities, multiple physical handicaps, cognitive impairments and behavioral problems that range from mild to profound in severity.

- (3) CFSA's first priority is to place children and youth in a residential treatment facility setting. However, since a child may be placed in its care at any time, CFSA cannot anticipate in advance the number of children that will need services, the particular type of family service any one child will require, or the length of time the child will need the care.

### **DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under Procurement Practices reform Act (PPRA) of 2010, § 301 of DC Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03 and D.C. Law 18-371. Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Date

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Tara Sigamoni  
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

